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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Application No.: 10/540,323)	Examiner: Suzette Jaime J. Gherbi
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FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since submission of same is no longer required.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 10/507,094, naming Fabrizio Alessandro MASPERO et al. as the inventors, and filed on September 3, 2004. The published copending application and the documents of record in the copending application are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Since the copending application is available in the Image File Wrapper (FW) system, a copy of the copending application is not required to be submitted.

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report issued June 21, 2004 in corresponding PCT/EP03/14771.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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